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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE ERUPTS IN SUGAR STRIKE

REF: POS 0318

1. WORKERS OCCUPYING THE SAN FERNANDO HEADQUARTERS OF THE ALL TRINIDAD SUGAR ESTATES & FACTORIES WORKERS TRADE UNION (ALL TRINIDAD) WERE ATTACKED DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS FEBRUARY 8. FIVE WORKERS WHO WERE HOSPITALIZED WERE ALL SUPPORTERS OF DEPOSED ALL TRINIDAD PRESIDENT PANDAY. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THEY SAID THAT ABOUT NINE MEN ENTERED THE OFFICE ABOUT 4 A.M. TWO OF THE MEN WERE ARMED AND FIRED SHOTS OVER THEIR HEADS WHILE ORDERING THEM TO LEAVE. AS THEY LEFT THEY WERE SEVERELY BEATEN WITH HEAVY STICKS. THE ATTACKERS THEN DROVE AWAY IN TWO CARS.

2. THE SUGAR CANE WORKERS OCCUPYING THE BUILDING HAVE
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SAID THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE SCARED OFF BY THE BEATING.

THEY STILL ARE DETERMINED TO HOLD A MEETING THE AFTERNOON
OF FEBRUARY 8 OF THE ALL TRINIDAD GENERAL COUNCIL TO
RETURN PANDAY TO OFFICE. THE ALL TRINIDAD EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL HAS NOT SANCTIONED THE MEETING.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST KNOWN INCIDENT OF VIOLENCE
IN THE PRESENT UNION DISPUTE ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN ACTS
OF VIOLENCE ACCOMPANYING LEADERSHIP STRUGGLES IN ALL
TRINIDAD IN PREVIOUS YEARS. TIMES HAVE CHANGED AND THE
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE OPPOSITION FACTION MAY ON THIS OCCASION
BRING OUT MORE SUPPORTERS FOR PANDAY FROM AMONG THE
WORKERS WHO ARE TIRED OF BEING THREATENED OR
USED BY THEIR LEADERS.

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